

1 **TRESPASSING ON STATE LANDS**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

5 House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to camp on sovereign lands at a  
10 single location for more than 15 days, return to camp at the same location before 15  
11 days pass, moor or anchor a boat on sovereign lands at a single location for more than  
12 15 days, or return to moor or anchor a boat at the same location before 15 days pass.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to camp on sovereign lands for more  
16 than 15 days at the same or a nearby location;
- 17 ▶ makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to return to camp at the same location  
18 on sovereign lands before 15 days pass;
- 19 ▶ makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to moor or anchor a boat on sovereign  
20 lands for more than 15 days at the same or a nearby location; and
- 21 ▶ makes it a class B misdemeanor for a person to return to moor or anchor a boat at  
22 the same location on sovereign lands before 15 days pass.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 **65A-3-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 322



31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **65A-3-1** is amended to read:

33 **65A-3-1. Trespassing on state lands -- Penalties.**

34 (1) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor and liable for the civil damages  
35 prescribed in Subsection (3) if, without written authorization from the division, the person:

36 (a) removes, extracts, uses, consumes, or destroys any mineral resource, gravel, sand,  
37 soil, vegetation, or improvement on state lands;

38 (b) grazes livestock on state lands;

39 (c) uses, occupies, or constructs improvements or structures on state lands;

40 (d) uses or occupies state lands for more than 30 days after the cancellation or  
41 expiration of written authorization;

42 (e) knowingly and willfully uses state lands for commercial gain;

43 (f) appropriates, alters, injures, or destroys any historical, prehistorical, archaeological,  
44 or paleontological resource on state lands;

45 (g) camps on the beds of navigable lakes and rivers except in posted and designated  
46 areas; ~~or~~

47 (h) camps on sovereign land for longer than 15 consecutive days at the same location  
48 or within one mile of the same location;

49 (i) camps on sovereign land for 15 consecutive days, and then returns to camp at the  
50 same location before 15 consecutive days have elapsed after the day on which the person left  
51 that location;

52 (j) moors or anchors a boat or other vessel on sovereign land for longer than 15  
53 consecutive days at the same location or within one mile of the same location;

54 (k) moors or anchors a boat or other vessel on sovereign land for 15 consecutive days,  
55 and then returns to moor or anchor a boat or other vessel at the same location before 15  
56 consecutive days have elapsed after the day on which the person left that location; or

57 ~~(h)~~ (l) parks or operates motor vehicles on the beds of navigable lakes and rivers  
58 except in those areas supervised by the Division of Parks and Recreation or other state or local

59 enforcement entity and which are posted as open to vehicle use.

60 (2) A person is guilty of a class C misdemeanor and liable for civil damages prescribed  
61 in Subsection (3) if the person is in violation of any of the following regarding Bear Lake:

62 (a) From October 1 through April 30, motor vehicle use and camping or picnicking are  
63 allowed on the exposed lake bed, except that:

64 (i) motor vehicles are not allowed on lands administered by the Division of Parks and  
65 Recreation;

66 (ii) the speed limit is 20 miles per hour;

67 (iii) except as necessary to launch or retrieve watercraft, motor vehicles are not allowed  
68 within 100 feet of the water's edge; and

69 (iv) motor vehicle travel parallel to the water's edge is allowed, except within 100 feet  
70 of the water's edge.

71 (b) From May 1 through September 30, motor vehicle use and camping or picnicking  
72 are allowed on the exposed lake bed, except that:

73 (i) motorized vehicle usage is not allowed in areas specifically posted prohibiting  
74 usage;

75 (ii) the established speed limit is 15 miles per hour;

76 (iii) except as necessary to launch or retrieve watercraft, motor vehicles are not allowed  
77 within 100 feet of the water's edge;

78 (iv) unless posted, no motor vehicles may travel parallel to the water's edge;

79 (v) camping and use of motorized vehicles are prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m.  
80 and 7 a.m.; and

81 (vi) no campfires or fireworks are allowed.

82 (3) A person who commits any act described in Subsection (1) or (2) is liable for  
83 damages in the amount of:

84 (a) three times the value of the mineral or other resource removed, destroyed, or  
85 extracted;

86 (b) three times the value of damage committed; or

87 (c) three times the consideration which would have been charged by the division for  
88 use of the land during the period of trespass.

89 (4) In addition to the damages described in Subsection (3), a person found guilty of a

90 misdemeanor under Subsection (1) or (2) is subject to the penalties provided in Section  
91 76-3-204.

92 (5) Money collected under this section shall be deposited in the fund in which similar  
93 revenues from that land would be deposited.

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